

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – Art Unit 3762
Attorney Docket No. 33734-8020US1

REMARKS

The undersigned would like to thank Examiner Huson for holding a personal interview on 31 May 2005 and Examiner Sykes for setting up the interview with Examiner Huson. During the May 31st personal interview, agreement was reached that the proposed after final amendments to the claims accept the allowed subject matter of claims 127-130, 147-149 and 165-167 set forth in the Office Action dated 4 May 2005. Agreement was also reached that new claims 174-176, which depend indirectly from allowed claim 127, are supported by the specification as set forth below. Additionally, agreement was reached that proposed claim amendments appear to place the application in condition for allowance subject to a final review of the actual amendment by Examiner Bradford.

In accordance with the agreement reached with Examiner Huson, the foregoing amendments to the claims are summarized as follows: (a) claims 124, 143, 162-164, 168-170 and 173 have been canceled; (b) claims 125, 126, 131, 132 and 136-142 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 127; (c) claims 144-146, 150, 151 and 155-161 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 147; (d) allowable claim 172 has been rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of claim 170; (e) claim 171 has been amended to depend from claim 172; and (f) new claims 174-176 have been added to the application to depend from allowed claim 130. As discussed with Examiner Huson, the subject matter of new claims 174-176 is fully supported by the specification at, for example, paragraphs [0090], [0091], [0096] and [0097] among other places. With respect to claim 174, for example, the text at paragraph [0096], lines 9-14, provides direct support for this claim. With respect to claims 175 and 176, for example, the text at paragraph [0090], lines 6-14; paragraph [0091], lines 5-9; paragraph [0096], lines 1-9; and paragraph [0097], lines 6-9; provides direct support for these claims.

In view of the foregoing, the pending claims in the application comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are in condition for allowance. The applicants accordingly request reconsideration of the application and a mailing of a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite

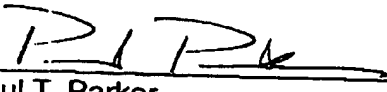
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prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at
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